

Bedford Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of 10/03/2016

Present: J. Linz (Chair), D. Corey, R. LeSchack, Katherine Shutkin, D. Silverman

Absent: S. McDonald

There is one vacancy on the Commission.

1. The regular meeting minutes of 09/06/2016 were moved, seconded and approved, 5-0.

2. Demolition Delay Bylaw –

392 The Great Road - A hearing to consider whether the residence located at 392 The Great Road should be Preferably Preserved was held. Mr. Daniel P. Koen and other members of the Koen family were present as the owners of the property, and Sonny Ferrante was present as the contractor who is purchasing the property. Based on testimony regarding the home's condition and the family's medical circumstances, HPC members are prepared to approve demolition of the house pending receipt of plans regarding the proposed replacement. The Commission's concern is that the style and size of the replacement be compatible with the character of the neighborhood. The hearing was continued to the Commission's next meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

158 Concord Road – The applicant Brian Collins was not present, and the hearing was continued to the HPC's November 1 meeting.

186 Concord Road – The applicant Rene Meijer was not present, and the hearing was continued to the HPC's November 1 meeting.

3. Financial Report – The Commission's operating budget for FY 17 is \$1,307. After payment of an invoice for \$152.96 for legal ads, the unexpended balance is \$1,154.04..

4. Old Burying Ground – DPW is aware of two broken stones and the failing portion of the stone wall along Springs Road. DS reported that DPW will have Kevin Duffy work on the broken stones if time permits after he completes his work on Phase 1 repairs at Shawsheen Cemetery.

5. Depot Park – The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Bedford Depot Park will be held on Saturday, October 15.

6. Job Lane Farm Museum – SMcD reported that the open house on September 30 included a dairy exhibit of artifacts owned by the Historical Society. DC noted that DPW has replaced the large deteriorating sign near the road and installed a new Entrance sign. Facilities had removed the 5-gallon pails from the basement. Remaining Facilities projects include the fire suppression system design and a larger water service, replacement of a window, and handicapped access to the barn.

7. Jenks Nature Trail – nothing new to report.

8. Shawsheen Cemetery – DS reported that DPW has almost completed Phase 1 work (repairing broken stones and resetting fallen and leaning stones. Work remains to be done on large monuments, the Memorial Gates and other items.

9. House Plaques – nothing new to report. DC reported to DPW that the Wilson Mill sign opposite the Route 3 interchange exit is very worn and should be replaced. DPW will look into it and report back.

10. Town Museum – DC reported that a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the museum feasibility study is tentatively due to go out for bid. He was asked to follow up on its status.

11. Community Preservation Committee – A CPC meeting was held on September 7. DC outlined current and proposed historic preservation projects that Facilities reported on at the meeting.

12. Fawn Lake Study Committee – nothing new to report.

13. Old Business

- Proposed amendments to the Demo Delay Bylaw for next Annual Town Meeting were discussed. DC will prepare a revised draft for further discussion.

- DC distributed a list of First Period buildings (< 1735) remaining in Bedford. There are a total of 13; 2 are in the Local Historic District, one is owned by the town, and one has a permanent deed restriction on it. The rest are listed or eligible for listing on the National Register, but they have no protection from contractors demolishing them. Long-term preservation options were discussed.

14. New Business

- The Mass. Historical Commission announced the beginning of its FY 2017 Survey & Planning Grant round. No potential projects were identified at the meeting.

- A letter addressed to the Town Historian, SMcD, that was delivered to the HPC will be passed along to her.

15. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2016, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Corey, Clerk